The 21. of Auguſt. 1643.

WHereas the Committee for the Militia in the City of *London* by vertue of an Ordinance of both-houſes of Parliament, Dated the ſeventeenth day of this inſtant moneth of *Auguſt*, have power to command the ſhutting up of all ſhops within the lines of Communication to the end the Inhabitants thereof may the better fit themſelves for the defence of the ſaid City and parts adjacent, and foraſmuch as the ſaid Committee have been moved, as well by a Committee of Lords and Commons in Parliament, as from his Excellency the Earle of *Eſſex*, to ſend forth of this City ſome ſpeedy aide for the relieving of the City of *Gloceſter*, now in great diſtreſſe by reaſon of the enemies Army, wherewith they are beſieged: And the ſaid Committee conceiving that the City of *London* and parts adjacent cannot be long in ſafety, if that City be loſt, they have thereupon reſolved forthwith to ſend out a Force both of Horſe and Foote, for the reliefe of the ſaid City of *Gloceſter*. And for the better furtherance of that ſervice, the ſaid Committee of the Militia, doe hereby require all perſons inhabiting within the Lines of Communication, immediately to ſhut up their ſhops, and to continue them ſo ſhut up untill *Gloceſter* be relieved, or untill further order ſhal be given by both Houſes of Parliament, or this Committee, and to apply themſelves to the furthering of this ſo neceſſary a ſervice, and the Officers of the Regiments of Trayned Bands and Auxilliary Forces, which by lot are appointed to goe in this Expedition, are required to returne to the ſaid Committee, as well the names of ſuch perſons of the ſaid Regiments, as ſhall neither March with the reſt, nor appoint other ſufficient men to goe in their roome, and of ſuch as ſhall in any ſort hinder this Expedition, to the end ſuch courſe may be taken with them; as this diſcovery of their ill affection to the ſafety of this City and parts adjacent deſerveth, as alſo the names of ſuch Voluntiers not Liſted in the ſaid Regiments, as ſhall goe in this Expedition; to the end they may receive the like pay which the reſt doe, and alſo be taken notice of as perſons well affected to the City, Parliament, and Kingdome.

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